

and second by increased fishing to supply the wants of a growing population.

To arrest the fishing for a term of years would add greatly to the increase which would take place naturally, but this would throw into disuse thousands of dollars worth of nets and boats and would be as absurd as it is impossible. In order to re-establish our fisheries without any material cessation in their operations, is one of the main objects of our labors. We desire to make fish cheaper for the people—cheap, as a food supply. It is only in favored localities in the more eastern belt of our State that the poorer class of our citizens can afford to buy fish. Outside this territory the price is such that it is cheaper to buy bacon. Throughout a larger well-watered area there are thousands of people who, with the money to buy, are still unable to procure fish, because they cannot be had. They are in such steady demand that they are eaten as a luxury and not as meat—in the sense of food supply. To correct this state of things, and place fish in the reach of all, is our foremost effort. Christian Wagner, in an article entitled “What does a fish cost,” says, “The area of my property, if used for agriculture, would scarcely support a laborer and family, while by pisciculture it gives employment to fifteen men, three horses and a steam-engine. The profit to myself is much greater than any farmer or gardener could make of it, for the water is much richer than the field, if pools are cultivated like land.” An examination of the map shows our future in this direction. Our chief labors being directed to this end, we have used great effort to multiply the fishes in greatest numbers at the smallest outlay of money. In every move, we are availing ourselves of information, derived from a corps of practical, cultured gentlemen, whose scientific attainments are recognized throughout the world.

Acting upon the most enlightened policy, we have adopted methods employed by them, and our labors have been triumphant. All the appliances for impregnating and hatch-